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QUOTATIONS FROM LINCOLN, SUMNER AND OTHER AMERICAN STATESMEN WHO FAVORED WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.

The struggle in this state to enfranchise women is backed by every principle of right and justice. Freedom is a natural or God given right and carries with it the right of every individual to enjoy every privilege enjoyed by every other member of the community of which he or she is a part. In a free community no individual is free who is denied the commonest right enjoyed by other members of that community. The ballot is the weapon by which individuals and communities can maintain their freedom, and no person is free, in a free community, who is denied the exercise of the franchise. The freedom of no community is secure that grants privilege to one class that are denied to others. Mr. Lincoln put it strongly when he said: "No man is good enough to govern another man without that man's consent."

In deciding which way they are to vote on the suffrage amendment Negro voters should keep ever in mind that every man who labored and suffered to secure the freedom of our race from slavery, was a staunch believer and advocates of woman's suffrage.

If those great men had not been in favor of absolute freedom for all, black as well as white, women as well as men, they could never have secured our freedom. And if the American Negro hopes to secure the full enjoyment of his rights as an American citizen, he will have to be willing to grant them to every man and woman in this country. If he is not willing that woman share equally with men equal rights, millions will rise up to abridge his rights. A man is

entitled to no more legal rights, than he is willing for his neighbor to share.

It is remarkable how magnanimous some men become when asked to vote to give women equal rights. O, no, they just don't want to increase women's burdens. The slave holders didn't want to increase the burdens of their slaves by forcing freedom upon them. King George the Third didn't want to increase the burdens of the thirteen colonies by giving them representation in the English Parliament. Certain special interests in this country are very anxious to relieve the people of the burden of governing themselves. These same interests are against woman's suffrage in the north and are against Negro suffrage in the South.

But let the Negro voters read and ponder well what the great men whose agitation and labor secured the liberation of the Negroes from bondage had to say about Woman's suffrage.

Mr. Lincoln said: "I go for all sharing the privileges of the government who assist in bearing its burdens, by no means excluding women."

Charles Sumner said: "In the progress of civilization woman suffrage is sure to come."

"Justice is on the side of Woman Suffrage." said William H. Seward.

John Quincy Adams said: "The correct principle is, that women are not only justified, but exhibit the most exalted virtue, when they enter on the concerns of their country, of humanity and of their God."

Let it be remembered that for every Christian man who has a voice in making and enforcing laws there are at least two Christian women who have no voice at all. Hence, under such circumstances as now exist, this militant army must ever be powerless to win those legislative battles which, more than any others, affect the happiness of aggregate humanity."—Francis E. Willard.

The above quotations are the mature conclusions of statesmen touching the right of women to vote. Mr. Lincoln's views on all questions relating to human rights will be respected and his advice followed by men everywhere and in all communities, by men who would rather suffer a wrong than inflict injury upon others.

Judge H. C. Dillon of this city says: "No class is a safe guardian of the interests of any other class. Woman needs a vote in order to adequately protect and advance her own interests."

Colored voter—cut out the above and paste it in your hat for future reference.

Listen to President Taft: "I believe that woman suffrage will come. There is one fundamental principle that applies to the whole thing. Under a representative form of government the interests of any particular set of people are more likely to be advanced when represented by one of themselves than by one of another class, no matter how altruistic."

Mr. Reader, the above appeal is made to you, supposing you to be an American citizen swayed by reason rather than prejudice, by a desire to promote the cause of justice rather than injustice that you are willing to give equal rights to others, if for no nobler reason than that you may secure them for yourself. Follow the advice of Lincoln, Sumner, Phillips, Garrison and Douglas and vote for the Woman's Suffrage Amendment on October 10th. If the Negroes who have the ballot, will use it to free the enslaved women of the country, God will raise up voters who will vote to make the Negro secure in all of his rights.

PRESIDENT TAFT NOT TO JIM CROW THE NEGROES WITH A SPECIAL MESSAGE.

The attempt of a small bunch of self seeking Negro politicians to use President Taft to promote Jim crowism has been practically smashed. *The Liberator's* expose of the dastardly plot aroused a storm of indignation in every quarter and the almost unanimous agreement is to show their disapproval by staying away from the Jim crow meeting in a body.

Certain leaders of the Afro-American Council went to the President's friends with the plea that the Negroes of this city had requested them to arrange to have President Taft deliver a "special" address to the Negroes. Believing that these leaders of the Afro-American Council had come as representatives for the Negro population of Los Angeles, they agreed to put forth their efforts to have President Taft address a meeting which as you all know would mean Jim crowism. The surprise of the gentlemen can be imagined when they learned that the Negroes had made no such request and that the whole thing was a scheme of the self-seeking leaders of a small political organization representing less than ten per cent. of the Negroes of the city.

If these leaders had acted sincerely and made their plea in the name of their organization, neither *The Liberator* nor anyone else would have interfered, as the people have long since ceased to give that organization—the Afro-American Council—such consideration.

It is believed that President Taft will not knowingly allow himself to be used to further any selfish schemes. The President's friends are in possession of sufficient information in this connection to prevent him from delivering a special address in a community where all have the same opportunity of hearing him at any of his public addresses. The Negroes of this country have had enough of special messages, "special legislation" and "special" places where he can and can not be appointed to office and also of Jim crowism enforcement of the laws.

In this city and state the Negroes are a part of the citizenry and as such are educating their children, buying homes and saving money. The attempt of a few thoughtless, small, self-seeking Negroes to disturb these conditions by giving the Negro's color unnecessary and undue prominence thus setting them aside as a class needing special favors will be ignominiously frowned down.

The Negroes want to hear President Taft and are going to hear him but not in a Jim crow way. The inference that the Negroes have not been treated fairly in this city on similar occasions in the past is an uncalled for slander.

A GREAT SUFFRAGE RALLY

There will be a big suffrage rally at the People's Lyceum 1209 1-2 Central avenue, Sunday afternoon, 4 o'clock, Oct. 8th. The following prominent ladies will speak:—Mrs. K. D. Tillman, Pasadena; Mrs. J. W. Moxley, Santa Monica; Mrs. C. F. Edson, Los Angeles; Mrs. Hester T. Griffith, President W. C. T. U. Southern California.

ATTORNEY BARNETT AND BRIDE HERE.

With his handsome young bride Attorney Barnett is in the city receiving congratulation of friends. Mrs. Barnett (nee Ema K. Davis) was a social favorite of Detroit, Michigan and their wedding was the event of the social season of that city. From the Detroit Leader which devoted nearly a two columns description of the wedding we quote:

The Bride

"All the charm of her many qualities shown forth and the splendor of her queenly grace made her a bride worthy of imitation. Her gracious smile and expressive eyes were like diamonds. She was truly the predominating figure of the whole and with it all a divine simplicity worthy of the Maid of Orleans, was omnipresent.

Many Presents

"The presents were many and included many rare and very costly gifts. Oil paintings, fine hand-painted china, silverware, galore, a profusion of cut-glass, an abundance of richly hand-worked linens and a huge chair. Almost everything imaginable is among the large assortment of presents, that came from all parts of the United States and Canada."

Mr. Barnett is a popular and rising young attorney and has made many friends since he began practicing law here. He is a progressive young man, a strong advocate of Woman's suffrage and other needed reforms. *The Liberator* extends congratulations and best wishes.

If the man in the city who is merely existing and is confronted by complex labor problems and race discriminations could be induced to go back to the farm, these problems would adjust themselves. There is no color line on what you grow, neither does the closed or the open shop become a burning question. And as the soil is the source of all wealth, through it our race can use it to its highest source of development.—Western Outlook.

VOTES for WOMEN

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on the SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

on OCTOBER 10

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3. Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 8. A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to section two of the constitution in relation to the rights of suffrage. (Permitting women to vote.)

4. Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 8. A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to section one of article two of the constitution in relation to the rights of suffrage. (Permitting women to vote.)

Yes

X

No

Give the Women of California a Square Deal

They Want the Ballot

WHY? BECAUSE

- Those who obey laws should have something to say as to their making.
- Those who pay taxes to support government should be represented in the government.
- Those who have charge of the home and the children must be able to protect them.

The Editor of the Western Outlook took a manly stand in the recent city campaign in San Francisco, and deserves much credit for the splendid result he helped to achieve. In every struggle between right and wrong, between good and bad government, the Negro newspapers and preachers should be found in the ranks of those who are battling for the extermination of vice. To do otherwise is to basely betray the best interest of the race. In campaigns of the kind we have been keenly humiliated by finding Negro preachers fighting in the devil's camp, while others were too weak to speak till the campaign was closed.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Mrs. T. W. Rainey and daughter have removed to city to remain permanently.

Mr. Jas. G. Daniels of Columbia, S. C. is in the city.

The Western amusement Club's program for their entertainment on the 10th is already out. Some of the brightest young people of the city are on the program. Among whom are Misses Beatrice Covington, Carrie B. Whitis, Mabel Hall, Little Nettie Brooks and Charlotte Johnson, Madams J. A. Shaffer and Helen Smith, Messrs. C. Ashton, A. Berger, A. Hill, and F. H. King. Admission 25 cents, reserve seats 35 cents. T. M. A. Hall, 231 South Spring Street, October 10th, 1911.

As the weeks pass on the several social organizations are completing their programs and getting their several affairs in shape for the social season.

This past week has been a very gay one for surprise parties.

Miss Marie McDonald of East 21st Street was the recipient of a most enjoyable surprise party on Thursday last at the home of her parents when she was tendered a surprise by a company of young friends.

The evening was delightfully spent with music and games after which light refreshments were served. Those present were—Misses Marie Alice and Lucy McDonald, Belle Harris and Mesdames Ballot, Mae Fields, Young; Messrs. Deivett Young, games SRith, Jnot Ballot, Clarence King, Eva Wilkinson and Paul Williams.

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A GRAND CONCERT

THE WESTERN AMUSEMENT COMPANY will give a grand all star concert at the T. M. A. Hall, 231 So. Spring Street on Tuesday evening. The best talent in the city has been engaged which in itself is an assurance that the entertainment will eclipse anything of the season. See program in the next issue.

THE REASON GIVEN BY MEN FOR OPPOSING WOMEN SUFFRAGE EXPLODED.

The reason frequently given by men for not voting for suffrage of women, is "that when the women

go to the polls to vote they will come in contact with drunks and elbow with the people from the slum districts."

The same men are either incapable of observing the conditions of every day occurrence or else they observe and immediately forget.

Women go upon the streets each day of the year where there are drunken men; women get on the street cars and sit by the side of people from the underworld; they go to the theaters, restaurants and other places where all kinds and shades of moral, unmoral and immoral classes are represented and yet these same men would never think of keeping the women at home because they meet these conditions and the great majority of women go on the streets and on the street cars, without male escorts and with little or no opportunity of knowing what drunken, rough, vulgar, coarsemen and women they may have to elbow against before getting back into their home.

Yet to go to the polls in the precinct where she lives to cast her vote, which can be done only upon her identity and place of residence being made known in common with that of other voters—whether a drunkard from the underworld district, or the saue, educated, polished libertine from the mansion of our distinguished citizen, and where from the time the polls are open and until they are closed are men capable of and who would take care of any man who should be rude or insult a woman passerby it seems like folly to think that those same men would not give that same protection to a woman when casting her ballot.

R. C. Owens, president of the newly organized Investment Company, is enthusiastic for Mayor Alexander's re-election. *The Liberator* received the following letter lately from Mr. Owens.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 5, 1911

Editor *Liberator*:—

Dear Si—I have watched the administration of Mayor Alexander with great interest, and am pleased

to say that the people of Los Angeles chose the right man for Mayor when they elected Mayor Alexander.

Personally Mayor Alexander is a fine man, and possessed with the qualities that go to make a good executive. He is fearless, upright and persistent for the right. Under his administration the city has prospered, taxes have been reduced, and the rights of the people have been restored to them. The city will do well indeed to have the benefit of his services for another term. I feel it my duty, as well as an extreme pleasure to speak a word in behalf of so worthy a man.

Respectfully,
B. C. Owens.

It is very noticeable that every minister in this city except those of our race has delivered a sermon in favor of woman suffrage. They appreciate the noble services women are everywhere rendering to society. The ballot in the hands of women will throw an arm of protection around every home and church and thus give the cause support from a quarter where the influence of woman is now greatly felt.

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On Saturday evening last at the home of her mother 706 1-2 East 18th street, Miss Nellie Scott was the moffit of a happy surprise tendered her by several of her friends.

The grand old game of "Lotta" held the attention of the company and at times the game was highly interesting. Delightful refreshments were daintily served after the games.

Those invited to spend the evening with Miss Scott were:—Misses Kathleen Henry, Wilhelima Pollock, Miss Phillips, Mesdames E. Russell, Bertha Jackson, Camille Gregory, Benjamin Jones and Messrs. Thomas Pollock, Daniel Pollock, Fred Scott, Ed. Wilkinson, Fr. Cleghorn, Benjamin Jones and Ernest Russell.

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Mr. Benjamin Jones of So. ave-20 was host on Wednesday evening to a charming surprise party given in honor of Mrs. Jones natal day.

A right merry company of friends spent a most delightful evening at this charming home. Refreshing and delicious refreshments were served during the evening. The guests departed at a late hour voicing Mr. and Mrs. Jones, delightful host and hostess. Mrs. Jones was the recipient of several pretty and useful remembrances.

THE PEOPLE'S LYCEUM

Mr. Geo. W. Whitley, colored candidate for the city council spoke to a full house last Sunday. Defining his position on the issues before the voters he promised to in the event of a socialist victory at the city election to give the city a clean, economical administration. Judging from the size

and vigor of the applause the socialist sentiment of the audience was very strong. Mr. Whitley is making a systematic campaign and is expected to poll a large vote and may be elected.

Mr. Ike Hall of Wall street was the honored guest at a happy surprise on Wednesday evening when a company of happy friends taken possession of his little home.

Odd Fellow's Hall was the scene of a most brilliant function on Saturday last when the Households of Ruth gave a reception to the Odd Fellows and several visiting sisters.

Lavish refreshments were dispersed throughout the evening and the merry assemblage had a most delightful time.

The Faben Phi Fraternity held a most enjoyable meeting on Tuesday evening last, in the home of Mr. Fred Scott, 706 1-2 East 18th street.

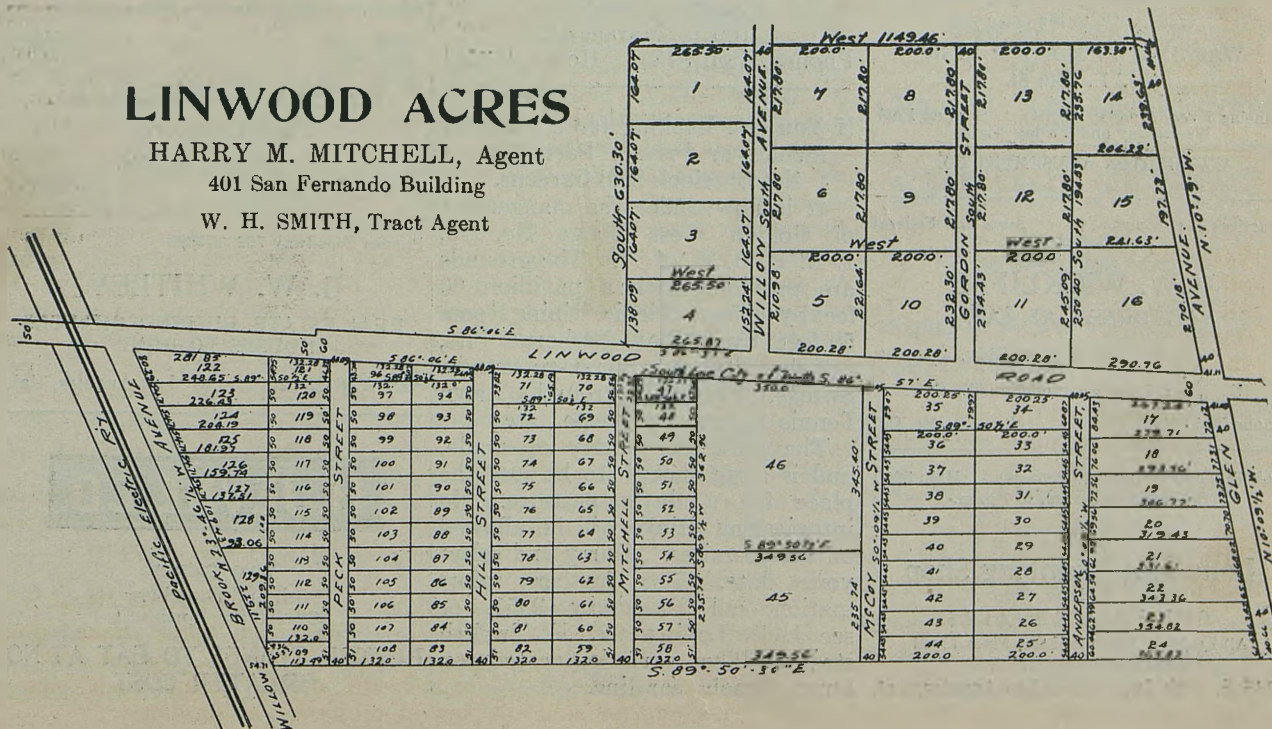
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The Brotherhood of St. Andrew of St. Phillips Episcopal Church will hold a very important meeting in the Vestry Room at the Church on Tuesday evening, October 10th.

The Faben Phi Fraternity of "The Brotherhood" will stage "Julius Ceaser" on Wednesday evening, Oct. 25th at Elk's Hall for the benefit of St. Phillips Episcopal Church.

A new woman's organization has been formed and will be known as the Neighborhood Club. The first meeting was held on Tuesday evening last at the home of Mrs. Nora Johnson of East 33rd street.

The many friends of the late Mrs. Ferah Clark of 1477 West 36th street, were shocked to hear of her suddenly passing away on Friday last, September 29th at a little after 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Clark was a native of Atlanta, Georgia and was 56 years of age and since coming to our city had by her loving disposition and amiable character endeared herself to all those who had the pleasure of her acquaintance.

The funeral services were held on Wednesday morning last at 11 o'clock, from her late home and was attended by a large number of friends. Rev. Peck read the burial services and the interment was in beautiful Rosedale cemetery where the newly made grave was covered with many beautiful floral offerings sent by kind and sympathizing friends.

With loving and tender affection the beautiful casket containing all that was mortal of this dear soul was borne by Mesdames Corner, Clark, Dair and Jackson.

Mrs. Clark leaves to mourn her sudden demise, her daughter, Mamie Herman and the following grand-children Jesse, B. L. Willie Lee, Joe and Dave Thomas and Mrs. Sadie Simpson.

The Oakland Sunshine says in effect that for want of discession, the editor of *The Liberator* is attacking every organization in this city and is knocking down and dragging out individuals indiscriminately.

You are wrong, brother, we have been calling attention to the danger of a few disorganizations and exposing a few grafters who would sell their race or publish their own unfortunate family scandals in order to profit by cheap politics. If a newspaper cannot expose the evil doers of its community and thereby elevate its moral tone, what good is it? When a preacher becomes a mouthpiece or lends aid to the moral lepers who would open a saloon on every street corner, with dens of vice and houses of shame between them, is it not only the duty of the newspapers to expose him, but his church members ought to drag him out of their pulpit.

In view of the fact that the Sunshine states that Mr. Wilson has chased down and captured a job as deputy sheriff, our designation of him is proven correct. As a job chaser, however, Mr. Wilson has somehow managed to keep on chasing, as his jobs usually manage to escape him as soon as he overtakes them.



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Emanuel Rogers, plaintiff, vs. Clara Rogers, defendant, No. 83164.

Action brought in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles and the Complaint filed in said County of Los Angeles, in the office of the Clerk of said Superior Court.

The people of the State of California send greetings to: Clara Rogers, defendant.

You are hereby directed to appear and answer the Complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, within ten days after the service on you of this Summons—if served within this County; or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required the said Plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, as arising upon contract or he will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.

Given under my hand and the seal of the superior court of the county of Los Angeles, State of California, this 22d day of June, A. D., 1911.

H. J. LELANDE, Clerk.

By E. G. Riggins, Deputy Clerk.

(Superior Court Seal)

G. W. Wickliffe, attorney for plaintiff.
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